



EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND
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F2A VISA APPLICANTS

The Cuban Family Reunification Program (CFRP) was created to expedite processing for Cubans wishing to be reunited with their family in the United States. CFRP participants are paroled into the United States while their immigration cases are processed by the Department of Homeland Security. On October 15, USINT announced that all CFRP cases of spouses or minor children of Legal Permanent Residents would be processed as regular immigrant visa applicants beginning January 1, 2011 due to a worldwide drop in demand for immigrant visas in that category (F2A). Since that announcement, a worldwide surge in demand for F2A visas has increased the waiting period for F2A applicants. Due to this surge, the CFRP cases which were being changed to immigrant visas (IV) will instead continue to be processed as parole cases.

- The National Visa Center (NVC) is notifying petitioners by mail that their CFRP cases are not changing to IVs.
- None of the parole appointments have been canceled. CFRP applicants may keep their scheduled parole interview dates.

Information on fees, forms and how to apply may be found on the State Department website:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/immigrants_1340.html